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PARADIP PORT TRUST
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Paradip Port Trust has prepared a plan for Rs. 100 crores to deepen the harbour and widen the navigation channel;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have also invited such plans for other ports on the East Coast;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether World Bank has cleared a loan for this purpose; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING(SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR)

(a)&(b) Yes, Sir. The proposal envisages expansion of the south breakwater by about 300 mtrs. and creation of a channel for about 8 Kms. from the tip of breakwater with a bottom width of 240 mtrs. and dredged to a depth of 17 mtrs.

(c)&(d) Other Ports also have plans for development of their facilities including deepening of the harbour and widening the navigation channel. Based on a proposal received from Kolkata Port Trust, river regulatory measures to improve the approach leading to Haldia Dock Complex has been approved by the Govt.This project with a cost of Rs.350.84 crores envisages a dredge cut channel at Jiggerkhali and would increase the depth of the approach channel by about 1 mtr. Chennai Port has included in its proposal for 10th Plan, a provision of Rs. 20 crore for deepening of inner harbour (Ambedkar Dock) to 11 mtrs. depth. Visakhapatnam Port proposes to deepen the entrance channel of inner harbour at an estimated cost of Rs.50 crores in the 10th Plan. Ennore Port Limited (EPL) plans to build facilities for handling VLCC and super cape size vessels as part of its development plan, for which the funds are proposed to be obtained by EPL from banks and financial institutions.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.